



MICHIGAN LICENSED BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION

Retailers dedicated to the responsible sale and service of beverage alcohol

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee. Thank you for allowing me to submit this written testimony today. My name is Scott Ellis, Executive Director of the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association. Our association represents nearly 2,000 liquor licensees in Michigan, which include bars and restaurants, off-premise retail stores, as well as distilleries and breweries.

I'm submitting this written testimony today on behalf of Senate Bill 247, regarding 4 a.m. sales. We support this bill in its theory, however we would want this to be statewide and not reserved for downtown areas. We feel this bill as written would create an unlevelled playing field for licensed establishments.

The MLBA is more than happy to work with Committee members on this issues if you so choose. Our association and members have a substantial amount of experience and insight into the industry that we are willing to share.

Again, thank you for allowing me to submit this written testimony to you today.



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